

# Pollution Prevention Program at an NNSA Site - Los Alamos

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## LANL P2 Responsibilities

- Pollution Prevention Tracking & Reporting
  - P2E2 Measures post hoc
  - Waste Volume Forecasting a priori
- Awareness and Outreach
  - Awards Internal and External
  - Communications
  - Community Outreach
- Risk Reduction
  - P2 Projects Programmatic and GSAF
  - Environmental Management System





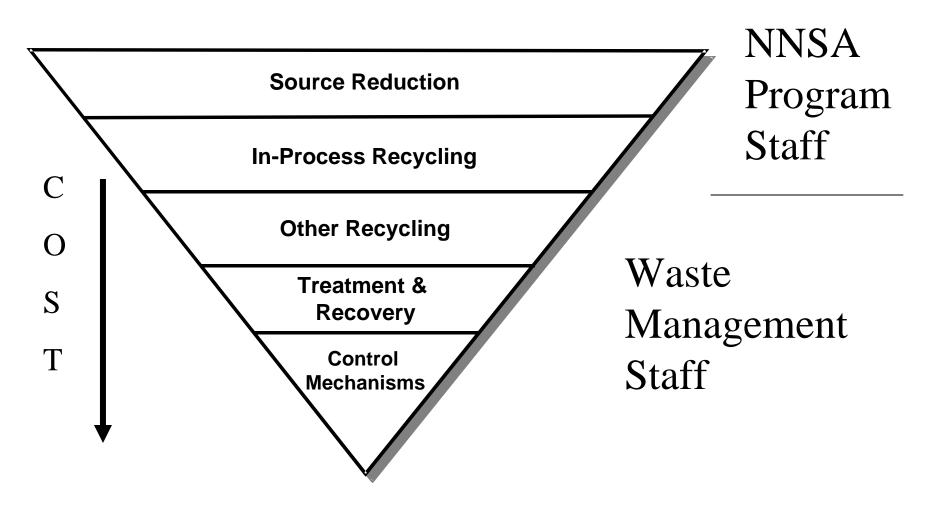
## Major Philosophical Thrusts

- Change the Underlying System
  - Affirmative Procurement
  - Engineering Standards Sustainable Design Program
  - Environmental Management System
- Reduce Risk = Upstream P2
  - Waste Elimination Projects
  - Radioactive Liquid Wastes
  - Sustainable Design



## **Engaging the Right People**

#### **Prevention of Pollution Hierarchy**



## **Key P2 Performance Metrics**

| Goal Title                                       | DOE 2005 Goal<br>% Reduction | Baseline<br>(year)       | 12 Month<br>Rolling Average | 2005 Goal | FY04 (12<br>Months) | Stoplight<br>Indicator |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Hazardous waste reduction                        | 90%                          | 307 MT (93)              | 26.0 mt                     | 31 MT     | 101.7%              |                        |
| LLW reduction                                    | 80%                          | 1987 m³ (93)             | 704 m <sup>3</sup>          | 397 m3    | 80.7%               |                        |
| MLLW reduction                                   | 80%                          | 12.3 m <sup>3</sup> (93) | 3.4m <sup>3</sup>           | 2.46 m3   | 90.4%               |                        |
| TRI Chemical Use<br>Reduction <sup>1</sup>       | 90%                          | 88,293 lbs<br>(93)       | 16,122 lbs                  | 8,829 lbs | 90.8%               |                        |
| Sanitary waste reduction <sup>2</sup>            | 55%                          | 2780 MT<br>(93)          | 1500 mt                     | 1,509 MT  | 101%                |                        |
| Sanitary material recycling                      | 50%                          | N/A                      | 70%                         | 50%       | 110%                |                        |
| Cleanup/stabilization waste reduction            | 10%                          | N/A                      | 10%                         | 10%       | 100%                |                        |
| Affirmative Procurement                          | 100%                         | N/A                      | 99%                         | 100%      | 99%                 |                        |
| Replace ODS Class I chillers, >150T <sup>3</sup> | 100%                         | 3000 T (00)              | 1130 tons                   | 0         | 33%                 |                        |
| TRU Waste<br>Minimization                        | 50%                          | 100 m3                   | 73.7 m <sup>3</sup>         | 50 m3     | 52.5%               |                        |
| Overall INDEX                                    |                              |                          |                             |           | 85.9%               |                        |



### Addressing the Weaknesses

- New Waste Forecasting Project
  - 10 year projections (solid then liquid)
  - Alert customer to changes
  - Initiate projects to head off increases
- Generator Set Aside Fund
  - Focus projects on priority waste streams
- Major new Liquid Waste Thrust





## **GSAF** Program

- \$685,000 FY04 budget
- Formal peer review process
  - End-users, waste mgmt., P2
- Prioritized criteria and ranking
  - P2E2 measures: NPF, MLLW, LLW, TRU
  - End-user proposal
- 11 FY04 projects initiated
- Institutionalize Pilot Projects





### FY04 GSAF Projects

- Recycling of Lead from RCAs (MLLW)
- Contaminated Lead/Scrap Metal Abatement (MLLW)
- Solvent Reuse (HAZ)
- Barium Removal Using Ion Exchange at the HEWTF
- Implementation of Compaction/Granulation at TA-55 (LLW)
- RLWTF Waste Inventory Tracking System (RLW)
- Oil-free vacuum pumps at LANSCE Lujan Target (LLW)
- Cable Stripper for DU Contaminated Firing Site Cables (LLW)
- PF-4 Blower and Vacuum Cleaner Pre-Filters (TRU)
- Re-engineering of the Non-Compactable Low-Level Waste Stream Management Process (LLW)
- Development of Bench-Scale Molten Salt Oxidation Processes for Treating Pu-238 Contaminated Combustible Waste (TRU)





## Comprehensive P2 Strategy for Radioactive Liquid Waste (RLW)

- Task I
  - Assess Radioactive Liquid Waste (RLW) Streams
- Task II
  - Prioritize RLW Projects
- Task III
  - Establish Generator Set-Aside Fund for RLW
- Task IV
  - Contribute to the Design of Future RLWTF





### **BTF Laundry**

- Division
  - MST
- Problem
  - No Approved WAP
  - RLWTF Not Equipped for Beryllium Safety
  - RLWTF Mandates Removal in FY04
- Volume/Content
  - 120,660 TO 241,320 LPY
  - Beryllium, Surfactant
- Approach

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- Sample
- Route to SWCS
- Expected Result
  - Removal by End of FY04









## CMR Liquid Ring Vacuum Pumps

- Problem
  - Wing 2 & 5
    - Liquid Ring Pumps
    - Recirculation Loop with Bleed to RLWTF
- Volume/Content
  - 386,070 LPY
  - Silica
- Approach
  - Replace with Dry Vacuum Pumps
- Expected Result
  - Reduced Volume









#### Establish RLW GSAF

#### PROBLEM

- GSAF Money is Generated by SOLID WASTE
- Increase in GSAF Requests by RLW Generators
- RTBF/NNSA Focus on RLW Streams
- Generator Philosophy "Open Pipe"

#### SOLUTION

- FY05 Expand GSAF Collection to Include RLW
- Provide Project Funding Base for RLW
- Rates Based on Waste Stream Characteristics & Compliance with the WAC





## Establish RLW GSAF

| RLW Stream                | Approximate Volume (MLPY) | Proposed<br>Rate           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Industrial                | 6-8                       | \$0.05/L                   |
| LLW                       | 2-5                       | \$0.10/L                   |
| TRU                       | 0.1 - 0.5                 | \$1.00/L                   |
| OFF-Spec w/Notice         | 0 - 0.2                   | \$0.92/L                   |
| OFF-Spec w/o Notice (NCR) | 0 - 0.02                  | \$1.38/L                   |
| TOTAL                     | 8.1 – 13.5                | \$600,000 -<br>\$1,611,600 |







## Contribute to Design of Future RLWTF

- Understand flow requirements
  - Alternative Discharge Strategy Report for Minimization of Waste Destined for Treatment at the RLWTF -
  - Establish P2 as contributor to facility scope
- RLWTF Design Charrette
  - Flexible design as key finding
- Key has been early and continuous involvement





#### Awareness and Outreach

- 2003/4 Pollution Prevention Awards
  - 76 Awards, 40+ Organizations, 400+ people
  - Total costs savings: \$7,280,652
- 2004 National Pollution Prevention Roundtable Award
- 2 2004 NNSA P2 Awards
  - Includes Best in Class Award
  - Convert results to community outreach



## Keep these items OUT of LANL trash & recycle bins

- No light bulbs
- → No batteries (except alkaline batteries)
- → No electronic equipment (anything with a plug or battery)
- → No aerosol cans (punctured, empty cans can be recycled)
- → No controlled documents
- → No unboxed broken glass/sharps
- No liquids or used oil
- No radioactive waste
- → No hazardous waste or PCBs
- No chemicals or empty "P" listed chemical containers
- No infectious, biological or pharmaceutical waste



#### **Questions?**

- → Contact your WMC: Waste Management Coordinator: fwoswo.lanl.gov/wmc/contacts.htm
- → Contact Salvage Operations or your property manager about electronic equipment: salvage@lanl.gov
- → Find out all you need to know about waste & recycling at: www.recycle.lanl.gov
- → For disposal of controlled documents email: burn-it@lanl.gov

#### What else can you do?

- **→** Invite your WMC to brief your group quarterly
- → Discuss RCRA at Nested Safety & Group meetings
- Make sure hazardous waste containers are closed, labeled and dated
- Buy only what you need & buy recycled!



## Sustainable Design Program

- P2 Upgrades to LANL Engineering Standards
- Implementation of DX-2's HEC Building
  - Partner with User, Design and Environmental Divisions
  - Design phase of sustainable building design shown to significantly reduce or eliminate waste streams lead to substantial cost savings and increased worker productivity
- Four design assessments currently underway
- High-Performance Group with Sandia National Lab
  - Sharing knowledge







## Key LANL P2 Selling Points

- P2 as technical mission responsibility
  - Integration of P2 into mission critical activities and budgets
  - Business arguments to promote environmental
- End User Benefit from GSAF Program
  - Core of technical implementation
- Use awards and recognition to build outreach to community
- Build into EMS as a business requirement

